

Minutes of the Transportation Committee

The Transportation Committee of the McLean County Board met on Tuesday, May 6, 2008 at 8:00 a.m. in Room 404, Government Center, 115 East Washington Street, Bloomington, Illinois.

Members Present: Chairman Hoselton, Members Dean, Caisley, Clark, and Cavallini

Members Absent: Member Baggett

Other Members Present: None

Staff Members Present: Mr. John Zeunik, County Administrator, Ms. Diana Hospelhorn, Recording Secretary

Department Heads Present: Mr. Jack Mitchell, County Highway Engineer

Others Present: Mr. Eric Schmitt, Assistant County Engineer, Ms. Jennifer Sicks, Transportation Planner, Regional Planning Commission

Chairman Hoselton called the meeting to order at 8:12 a.m. He stated that the first item for action is approval of the minutes from the April 1, 2008 meeting.

Motion by Caisley / Dean to recommend approval of the minutes from the April 1, 2008 meeting.
Motion carried.

Chairman Hoselton asked the Committee to review the bills for April 30, 2008. The prepaid total is \$610,102.36.

Chairman Hoselton asked for any comments or questions concerning the Bills.

Motion by Clark / Cavallini to recommend payment of the March 31, 2008 bills as submitted by the County Auditor.
Motion carried.

Chairman Hoselton advised the Committee that the first item to be presented for action is the Joint Culvert Petition – Money Creek Road. He invited Mr. Jack Mitchell, County Engineer, to address the Committee.

Mr. Mitchell referred to the signed Bridge Petition distributed to the Committee. He stated that the bridge petition is a joint culvert with Money Creek Road District. He asked Mr. Eric Schmitt, Assistant County Engineer, to address the Committee.

Mr. Schmitt pointed out the location of the drainage structure at 2330N – 2305E (Dameron Rd.). He explained that the culvert is undersized and needs to be replaced. The existing culvert is 36 inches. The culvert will be replaced with twin 36 inch culverts due to the head room available. The County's share of the cost is \$5,650.00.

Motion by Dean / Cavallini to recommend approval of the Joint Culvert Petition – Money Creek Road.
Motion carried.

Chairman Hoselton stated that the next item for action is an Engineering Agreement – Various Projects with Lewis, Yockey, & Brown.

Mr. Mitchell explained that annually the County considers an Engineering agreement with Lewis, Yockey, & Brown for surveying plats and various projects. They are paid by the hour and work from the County Highway's Five Year Capitol Improvement Plan.

Chairman Hoselton noted that the hourly rates seem high. Mr. Mitchell replied that the only pay rate increases this year are the Chief Engineer, increased by \$10.00 an hour, and the Project Manager, increased by \$5.00 an hour. The bulk of the hours are for the Surveyors. Those hourly rates did not change.

Chairman Hoselton asked if there was any further discussion. Hearing none, he asked for a motion.

Motion by Caisley / Cavallini to recommend approval of the Engineering Agreement for Various Projects with Lewis, Yockey & Brown.
Motion carried.

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Mr. Mitchell stated that Ms. Jennifer Ho, Director Risk Management, was on the agenda to discuss the County Highway's fleet insurance. She is not present. She will be put on the agenda for June.

Mr. Mitchell continued with the next item of information, the Project Summary for Bentown Holder Rd – Ch 25 – Sec 04-00040-03-WR. He reported that the construction has begun. The rebase work has been done to the railroad tracks. A tile was replaced due to water in the basement of a property owner. The end of the culvert had been buried creating tile problems.

Mr. Mitchell reported on the Henning & Spady Bridges – Weston Rd – CH13 – Combined Sections 05-00130-12-BR and 05-00130-11-BR. He stated that the structures are complete and the road is open to traffic. Only minor clean up work remains.

Mr. Mitchell stated that the construction on the Horizon Wind Farm Phase I – Post Construction Lexington / LeRoy Rd (CH 21) & Ellsworth Rd (CH17) Combined Sections 07-00044-11-CG and 07-00134-08-SM continues with the milling in Ellsworth.

Mr. Mitchell distributed the East Side Highway Study. He reported that the East Side Highway Project Study Group met on April 11, 2008. An update on the Purpose and Need of the four major alternatives was presented and will go to the Citizens Advisory Group on May 22, 2008. The Project Study Group will meet on May 9, 2008 and again on May 27, 2008.

Mr. Mitchell advised the Committee that Mr. Eric Schmitt will be taking the IDOT (Illinois Department of Transportation) Certification Test on Monday May 12, 2008.

Mr. Mitchell wanted to clarify with the Committee that the Hudson, Broadway Street project was to be added to the County Highway's Five Year Capitol Improvement Plan. The Village of Hudson and Hudson Township would provide the right of way, and the jurisdictional transfer would take place when the project construction is started. The Committee concurred. Mr. Mitchell will draft an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Village of Hudson, Hudson Township, and the County Highway Department.

Chairman Hoselton asked if there was any other business to come before the Committee. Hearing none, he adjourned the meeting at 9:11 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Hospelhorn
Recording Secretary

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